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12 January 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/OA

SUBJECT : JAMES, Willis

1. With reference to your memorandum dated 20 December 1955, we are transmitting herewith PRQ Part II on the Subject.

2. Field traces and Operational traces reveal no derogatory information.

1 Attachment  
As stated above

Chief, SR/2

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PERSONAL RECORD QUESTIONNAIRE

PART II - OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CASE OFFICER:

1. If feasible, subject should fill in Part I of PRQ in his own hand.
2. Part II of PRQ is classified, must be filled in by the Case Officer and is not to be shown to subject.
3. Headquarters will not be able to provide an Operational Clearance unless it receives answers to all questions on page 1 of Part I (Items 1 to 12), and to all questions of Part II (Items 35 to 38).
4. In emergency these answers, keyed to Items 1 to 12 by number, and with summary of Part II, may be cabled to Headquarters, followed promptly by pouch with complete data.
5. Fully completed PRQ must be sent to Headquarters as soon as possible, two copies of Part I (including copy in subject's handwriting, if possible) and one copy of Part II.
6. Data acquired later must be sent to Headquarters in PRQ format on a continuing basis.
7. All pages of both parts will bear the PRQ number, composed of (a) Station symbol  
(b) PRQ (c) number assigned consecutively by the field station; e.g. PGA/PRQ/10.

36. Cryptonym ABCAEOR 3
37. How, when and where was subject first contacted or developed?  
Introduced to          by ABCAEOR 1, November 1955 in Frankfurt.
38. Could subject be turned over quickly and in a secure manner to someone else for handling? Yes To whom? Any Latvian or German-speaking case officer.
39. Best estimate of subject's motivation Sincere desire to engage in concrete anti-communist activity. Subject probably also feels his personal status and prestige as an emigre leader is enhanced by his having a contact with American officials. It is not considered at all likely, however, that Subject would ever reveal the existence of such contact.

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40. With what agencies and files has subject's name been checked? When?  
Result? What else has been done to verify biographical information  
furnished by subject?  
**RI Files, Green List, Field Traces (1955). Biographical information  
contained in Latvian Encyclopedia.**
41. What control exists over subject at present? How can it be increased?  
**See page 11.**
42. For what service does he think he is working? What does he think  
becomes of his information?  
**AIS. To the AIS.**
43. Explain fully subject's past or present connection with any  
intelligence service.  
**None known. Considered probable, however, that in past he may have had  
indirect, casual contact with agents of British Intelligence.**
44. What type of information has subject furnished? What type is he  
best qualified by education and experience to furnish? Give  
evaluation of information received.  
**Has furnished some valuable HERSKIN leads. Has provided back-stopped  
cover with his organization for AEMAREH/1's activities.**

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45. If subject's duties are to be other than intelligence gathering, explain.  
**Spotting and assessing REDSOX agent prospects as well as intelligence gathering.**
46. Has he been given special training as an agent? Explain.  
**None other than briefing on techniques of spotting, assessing, recruiting agents.**
47. How and from whom does he obtain information?  
**From unwitting members of ARCANOE who interview and debrief travelers, returnees, PW's.**
48. Is it proposed to pay subject a regular salary? If so, amount per week, month, etc. Explain any other methods of payment, such as exchange commodities.  
**No.**
49. Have any promises or commitments whatsoever (not covered elsewhere in this form) been made to subject? Explain.  
**No commitment made, however, Subject probably expects that if his services prove satisfactory, further occasional payments such as in para 41 will be forthcoming.**
50. Are subject's language abilities and other characteristics such that he could pass as a native of a country or region other than his own? Explain.  
**No.**

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51. What is subject's social standing? Aristocracy, upper middle class, lower middle class, peasantry, etc.?  
**Upper middle class.**
52. What are subject's personal habits? Liquor, drugs, gambling, mistresses or lovers?  
**Drinks moderately. Appears to have a normal interest in females. No known bad habits.**
53. Evaluation of subject's character, reliability, security.  
**Has high sense of honor and moral integrity. Reliability considered to be above average. Additional briefing and orientation in clandestine security habits would benefit Subject.**
54. With what other foreign power would subject be most likely to collaborate because of his ideology, obligation, etc.? Explain.  
**With British or German if that were only possibility available to him.**
55. What special abilities, talents, or qualifications are possessed by subject which would conceivably be of value for other operations in the future?  
**Skilled military strategist and tactician.**
56. Attach samples of subject's signature and handwriting in all languages known to him, also a recent, dated photograph, and fingerprints.  
**Will be obtained by field at later date.**

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57. How was information in Part I obtained?

**From overt sources and publications.**

58. Other miscellaneous operational data and comments.

41. Subject receives a moderate salary from the ARCAPOE organization which only covers minimum living expenses. He is extremely interested in bettering his financial position in order that he can continue the publication of his organization's newspaper. He was given RM 4000 for past and future services rendered which amount he is utilizing for this newspaper. His future services will depend to some extent on the size and frequency of such similar payments. It is believed probable that he would be unwilling to disrupt his "AIS" contact even with no remuneration.

Case officer

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